



Virginia Postgame Notes – #24 SMU (10/17/26)

Virginia Team Notes

- Despite the loss, UVA has still won nine of its last 12 ACC regular-season games.
- SMU improved to 10-0 against ACC opponents in games contested at Gerald J. Ford Stadium since joining the league in 2024.
- The Mustangs are now 2-0 all-time against the Cavaliers. The inaugural matchup of the series was contested at Scott Stadium in 2024, a 33-7 win for SMU.
- On the game's opening drive, UVA stopped SMU on fourth-and-1 from the Mustangs' own 34-yard line. The Cavaliers have allowed only one opponent this season to score on its opening drive (Syracuse) this season.
- SMU was held to 23 points, the fewest in a game this season and the fewest in its last 11 games played.
- The Mustangs' 23 points scored are the fewest in an SMU win since 2013 (USF, 16-6).
- In the Tony Elliott era (55 games), UVA has only lost four games when allowing 23 or less points.
- For the first time this season, the Cavaliers trailed at the end of the first quarter (3-0).
- Virginia capped an 11-play, 75-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter when quarterback Beau Pribula scored on a 1-yard rush on fourth-and-goal. That was UVA's third straight fourth-down conversion going back to last week against Syracuse.
- The Cavaliers entered the game 12-for-18 (67%) on fourth down, good for third-best in the ACC. The 18 attempts on fourth down were the fourth most nationally entering Saturday's game.
- Virginia finished with a season-high eight QB hurries.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- Left guard Noah Josey made his 50th consecutive start, the longest active start streak on the team.
- Pribula's 1-yard rushing touchdown on fourth-and-goal put the Cavaliers ahead 7-3 in the second quarter. It was his second rushing TD of the season and the 18th of his career.
- Pribula's streak of six straight games with a passing touchdown came to a close as did Da'Shawn Martin's three-game streak with at least one touchdown reception.
- Defensive end Matthew Fobbs-White tallied a game-high five quarterback hurries. His fourth-quarter sack upped his season total to 4.5 and 9.0 for his career.
- For the second consecutive game, Fobbs-White also tied his career high with six tackles. He had six in last week's win over Syracuse.
- In his third career start, safety Montino Williams finished with a career-high six tackles, including three solo stops.
- For the fourth time of his career, placekicker Will Bettridge tied his career long with a 47-yard field goal. His first of two successful field goals of the afternoon tied the game 10-10 with 29 seconds remaining in the first half.

- Wide receiver Isaiah Robinson made his first career start.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #21 Jekail Middlebrook, WR #11 Isaiah Robinson, WR #WR #18 Da'Shawn Martin, TE #9 Dakota Twitty, TE #89 John Rogers, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #60 Drake Metcalf, RG #54 Makilan Thomas, RT #71 Monroe Mills.

Defensive Starters: DE #14 Fisher Camac, DE #33 Nnanna Anyanwu, DT 44 Darrion Henry-Young, DT #55 Anthony Britton, LB #5 Kam Robinson, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, CB #10 Jacobie Henderson, CB #17 Justin Ross, SPUR #2 Donavon Platt, S #1 Montino Williams, S #30 Ethan Minter.

Game Captains: #16 Matthew Fobbs-White, #21 Jekail Middlebrook, #32 Landon Danley, #60 Drake Metcalf